

My Dear Miss Fuller,

Mrs Chapman regretted  
that the multitude of engage-  
ments attendant on her sudden  
departure for Hayti prevented  
her from answering your  
kind letter. I wish she could  
have done this as I think  
it probable that you may  
misunderstand her views  
on several subjects. I do not  
venture to give my own version  
of what her opinions actually  
are as I have observed most  
persons usually give a very  
inadequate if not incorrect

elucidation of the views of  
even their most familiar  
friends. I send you the last  
Annual Report of The Boston  
F. A. S. Society, written by Mrs  
Chapman from which some  
thing of her sentiments on the  
position which women should  
occupy may be gathered.

Permit me, as a matter of  
fact to correct one error in  
your letter. In speaking of the  
recent Convention you seem to  
think it a movement of the  
Anti Slavery party. The only  
object of that party as such is  
the promulgation of the principle

that all men are created with a  
right to personal liberty and  
as in this country the slave  
is the only being to whom this  
right is denied, the assertion  
of his claims is the scope to which  
Abolitionists as such are limited.

The recognition of this principle  
binds together people of the most  
dissimilar opinions as respects  
religion, politics or philosophy  
each admitting as much toleration  
is sufficient to enable him  
to work with every body willing  
to work with him for the  
overthrow of Slavery, but under-  
standing at the same time that  
the one principle of the inviolability  
of personal freedom is the only  
one to which he stands committed



I have been the more par-  
ticular in making this expla-  
nation as many of the intolerant  
many clergymen in particular  
have withdrawn from the A.S.  
Association & have put a stop  
to their labours in the cause  
on the ground that some object  
attention to the Abolition of Slavery  
formed the basis of our labours  
& by this accusation alike un-  
generous & unfounded have  
done the cause much injury.  
The fact that the A.S. Reform  
is calculated to lead the mind  
of a community to still further  
reform is one that we have  
no disposition to deny - Great  
changes, religious, & we will

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must undoubtedly be produced  
but these results are collateral  
& not direct & must be  
modified by circumstances  
over which the Anti Slavery  
Community have no control.

I ended with some compli-  
mentary allusion to old  
times.



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My answer to Margaret